AMERICAN RED CROSS OF DUTCHESS COUNTY "SALUTE TO HOMETOWN HEROES"

Have you ever met a hero? Someone who has put their life on the line to save a stranger? Someone who has touched another person's life with an extraordinary act of kindness or commitment?

From time to time, we all hear stories of heroes. Now is the time to honor them.

The first annual American Red Cross of Dutchess County "Salute to Hometown Heroes" will recognize ordinary community citizens who have shown extraordinary courage, compassion, character or humanity by saving or improving the lives of others.

Help the Red Cross locate a local hero; nominate a friend, family

member, co-worker or acquaintance for an American Red Cross Hero Award.

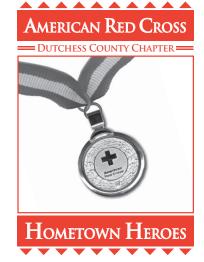
Award categories include: Public Safety, Firefighter, Military, EMS (including 911 Dispatcher), Youth (under 18), Community, Campus (college student), and Healthcare

The awards will be presented at the American Red Cross of Dutchess County 'Salute to Hometown Heroes' Awards Dinner on Friday, June 4th at the Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel.

For more information about the program, sponsorships or tickets, call the American Red Cross of Dutchess County at (845) 471-0200 or by visiting poughkeepsiejournal.com

AWARD CATEGORIES

Public Safety Hero
Firefighter Hero
Military Hero
EMS Hero



Youth Hero (18 or younger)

Community Hero

Campus Hero

Healthcare Hero

WHO'S YOUR HERO? TELL US ABOUT YOUR HERO.

The American Red Cross of Dutchess County wants to honor your "Hometown Hero" at a dinner on Friday, June 4th at the Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel. Tell us about that person who helped you or someone you know. *See Nomination Rules & Guidlelines.

Nominations will be accepted from the community at large for recognition of individuals in designated award categories. Awards will be given in eight categories. All applications must be received at the American Red Cross of Dutchess County office or e-mailed to the poughkeepsiejournal.com by Thursday, April 15, 2004. Application may be completed on line by going to poughkeepsiejournal.com. Incomplete applications will not be considered. All nominees must live, work, or go to school in the Dutchess County Chapter's jurisdiction.

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My Address:		
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My E-mail:		
My Hero's Name:		
Occupation/Employer:		
My Hero's Address:		
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Please indicate a category of your Hometown Hero.								
□ Public Safety □ Firefighter □ Military □ EMS □ Youth □ Community □ Campus □ Healthcare								

Please tell why this person is a hero to you on this form or attach a statement of no more then one page stating why your nominee should receive this award.



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We're Proud to help recognize and honor courageous individuals within our communities. For more information visit poughkeepsiejournal.com

NOMINATION RULES AND GUIDELINES

- Please complete and return the attached nomination form, along with a write-up (either on the form or a one-page statement) about your nominee, to the American Red Cross of Dutchess County. Use the essay to tell a compelling story about why your nominee should be selected as a Hometown Hero.
- Nomination forms must be received at the American Red Cross of Dutchess County, 103 Hooker Ave., Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 or online, www.poughkeepsiejournal.com by close of business April 15, 2004. Nomination forms and write-up become the property of the Red Cross and will not be returned.
- The Hometown Heroes Judging Committee will be comprised of civic volunteers and community leaders; this group will select the Hero Award winners. All nominations will be verified by a representative from the American Red Cross of Dutchess County.

- Nominees must live, work, or go to school in Dutchess County, at West Point or be a resident stationed elsewhere.
- Nominees must be available for promotional events and be able to attend the "Salute to Hometown Heroes" Awards Dinner on June 4, 2004. The American Red Cross of Dutchess County will host each winner and a guest at the awards dinner.
- All Hometown Heroes must sign release forms granting the Red Cross unlimited permission to use, publish and republish information about them and their likeness.
- While many heroes exhibit lifelong heroic behavior, nominees must have performed the act(s) for which they are to be recognized within calendar year 2003 or prior to April 1, 2004.

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